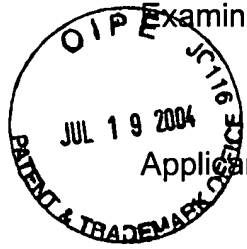


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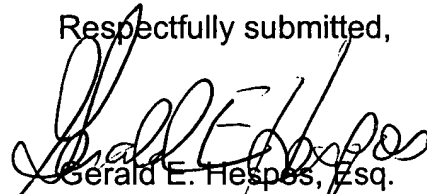
The applicants and the assignee hereby elect the Species III invention as depicted in FIGS. 11-18. All of the claims are believed to read on the elected species

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